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1. The plant of Thonet, National Corporation, was located in the southeast section of Mimon [See Annex A] and occupied an area of approximately 1,000 x 500 m. enclosed completely by an unpainted wooden picket fence 3 m. high. Contained in the area were five three-story camouflaged factory buildings with flat roofs and a boarding school. The school was for boys between the ages of 15 and 18 who received apprentice training at the plant.

2. During World War II this plant produced wooden auxiliary aircraft fuel tanks for Germany. At the termination of the war and until 1947, the plant manufactured wooden furniture. During the years 1949 through 1951, [] large storage piles of the wooden auxiliary fuel tanks within the factory area, as well as many freight cars loaded with these tanks, on the Thonet railroad siding [Annex A, Point 4] which was located approximately 10 m. northwest of the factory. []

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3. The wooden tanks were constructed of five or six layers of beechlike wood, glued and compressed, and were three millimeters thick. [See Annex E]. The glue was of a reddish tint and formed a hard substance when set. The tanks were constructed in five sections. The interior was finished with a clear yellow lacquer, and the exterior was painted a dark green. [] auxiliary fuel tanks, such as these, were used

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on the CS-199s, the Czech designation of the World War II ME-109s, which the Czechs used as flight trainers. [redacted]

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4. The Thonet factory employed approximately 3,000 people in two eight-hour shifts, six days a week. [redacted]

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Enclosures:

A. Pinpoint Location of the Mitop and Thonet Factories at Mimon

B. [redacted] Sketch of Wooden Auxiliary Aircraft Fuel Tanks

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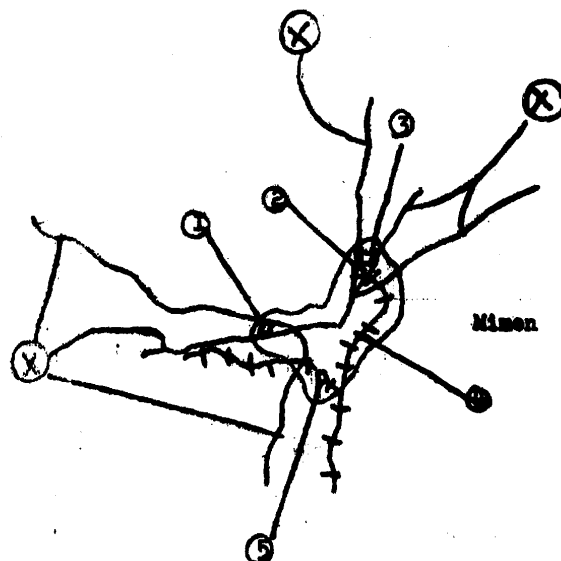
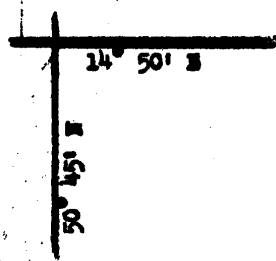
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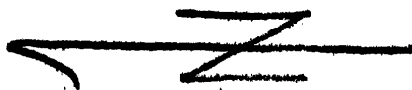
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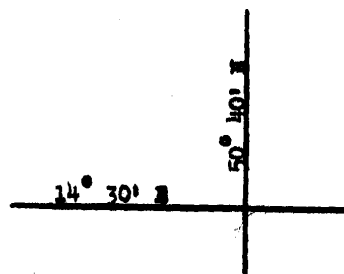
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1. Mitop Factory
2. Thonet Factory Warehouse
3. Thonet Factory
4. Railroad Branch Line. Branched off main railroad line in an easterly direction and served the Thonet Factory.
5. Mimon Railroad Station

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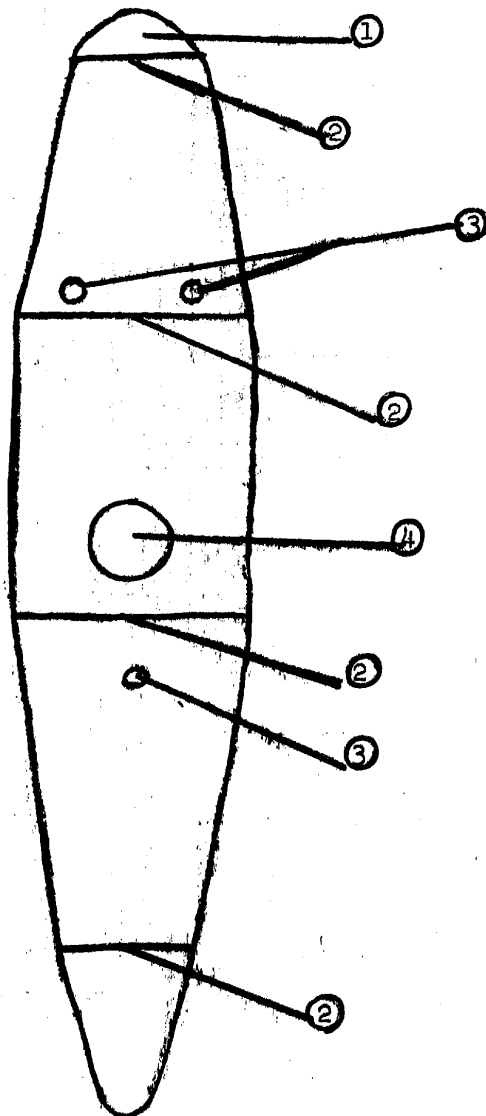
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ANNEX B

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Sketch of Wooden Auxiliary Aircraft Fuel Tanks

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1. Front section
2. Assembly joints
3. Bolts for attaching to aircraft
4. Filter cap and outlet plug

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